

THE BIBLE.

A Sermon by Rev. James Miller,
Delivered at the First M. E.
Church February 14, 1892.

The Second of a Series of Six Sunday Even-
ing Sermons on the Subject Modern
Reconstructions of Ancient Religious
Notions

Our theme this evening is The Bible. You will find my text in the 14th chapter of Romans 4th verse.

For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

The Bible is a compilation of various pieces of literature written by a great many different persons at different periods in the history of the world and they have in some way been brought together and consolidated into a book which has come down to us in the form in which we use it to day.

I want you to consider this book from three standpoints. First Its origin. Second Its contents. Third Its aim or purpose.

The origin of the Bible is sometimes thought to be explained when we say it is the product of inspiration.

I do not suppose that any one here is disposed for a moment to controvert the proposition that it is in a certain sense the product of inspiration. But when you have said that the Bible is inspired you have not explained anything. You look at a beautiful flower you say God made the flower. Who denies it? But you have not explained anything about the natural history of the flower.

You look at one of the beautifully formed living creatures that are all about us an animal gracefully formed perfectly developed and you ask about its origin and some one answers God made it. Nobody questions it but you have not explained anything about the natural history of that creature unless of man and so of this book.

When you have said that it is divinely inspired you have simply said what nobody denies who believes in the existence and action of universal energy of a supreme Being.

It may be well for us for a while while to dwell upon this conception that we have of inspiration. What is it? What do men mean when they say the Bible is divinely inspired. Sometimes they mean one thing and sometimes they mean quite another thing. If we go back a little in the history of human thought on this subject we meet with what is termed the notion of verbal inspiration. That is that the Bible is divinely inspired word for word that every word in it was not only suggested but dictated by the holy Spirit so that the men who wrote it or the men who spoke it uttered just what was put into their minds or on to their lips by the dictation of the holy Spirit.

If we were to attempt to carry this theory with us all along in our study of the sacred literature we should very soon meet with serious and serious moment when we think of the manner in which the book has come down to us through the centuries the changes it has undergone the many times it has been transcribed the vast number of manuscripts from which it has been collected the translations which it has undergone and the entire history of its formation. We should certainly find our way perpetually embarrassed with the notion that the words of scripture were dictated by the holy Spirit. That notion which was once almost universally held by the Church in church is now almost universally discarded. It has been superseded by what is termed the plenarian theory of inspiration that is that the Bible is fully inspired. But now what do men mean when they say that the Bible is fully inspired. It takes some things about geography. Do they mean to say that it never anywhere makes geographical mistakes. It takes some things about the history of the formation of our world and deals with the great questions which are to be propounded in the science of geology. Do they mean to tell us that nowhere does the Bible make any mistake when it speaks of the natural history of our globe and the manner in which it and all things on it were produced. The Bible teaches accurately about human history and about the biography of its divinity. As we try to understand by the notion of plenarian inspiration that the Bible nowhere makes any mistakes when it tells us about what happened in ancient times and about what happened in the lives of individuals. I think if we were to examine the scriptures closely at the instance we were to take the various accounts which are given of the life of Jesus Christ we should find a great many statements that we could not believe to be true and humanize veridically and literally concerning even the life of Jesus Christ and his work.

The Bible is doubtless inspired and for the purpose for which it was given. It is fully inspired but it was not given to teach geography it was not given to teach history it was not given to teach geology it was not given to teach astronomy it was not given to teach the natural history of plants and animals it was not given for any of these purposes and consequently it is not necessary that it should be inspired and made infallible on any of these lines. What it was given for we will enquire after

awhile and I think by the time we get through we shall be able to understand that for the purpose for which the Bible was intended and given and for no other it was divinely inspired. To give you a hint of what I mean let me say that the Bible was given to guide the human spirit in its search after God and for that one purpose the human spirit can turn to this book and find just the guidance that it needs to bring it into the right relation with the supreme Being and set its conscience at rest for that purpose the Bible was divinely inspired.

But now let us dwell for a moment longer upon the question of inspiration. We are too apt in our thinking to form the notion that the Bible came down from God ready made just as if it had dropped out of the clouds all ready for use. We forget—we lose sight of the human element that is in the Bible—that in inspiring and producing this wonderful literature which we call the Bible the Spirit of God worked through human reason through human conscience through human hearts. The religious sensibilities and susceptibilities of the human mind were simply intensified so to speak by the mysterious touch of God.

When we look at a flower we have to take into account the hereditary principle which is involved in the seed the influence of the soil and sunshine and moisture and heat and culture the favorable and unfavorable conditions of environment and of climate. We have to take into account all these things and when we have counted them all in there is yet in the beauty and odor and form of the flower an element of the divine which gives the most perfect expression to the divine thought and feeling that it is capable of giving. The divine energy of thought and feeling are limited by the capacity of the flower to give expression to it.

You come a little higher in the realm of nature and you find in the animal world what you call the perfection of instinct. You find the various creatures of the animal world going with perfect precision and infallible certainty to the results which their organism and their impulses direct. That is inspiration. You take the spider that weaves his web and when it is broken repairs it and always puts it in the right place and secures it in the right manner and watches it with the constancy and attention and care which are necessary to make it effectual for the capturing of his prey and you have there a result that is altogether beyond anything that you can account for in any brain structure of the spider. All there is in that spider is called into requisition and enters into the production of the final result. But when you have counted it all in you cannot find enough in the spider in his organization in the structure of his nervous system in the glowing centers of energy which he possesses to account for the settled result which he achieves in the capture of his prey and you find there in that low realm of nature just as perfect inspiration divine inspiration as you can find anywhere in any higher realm.

You find the same thing the product of inspiration in the structure of the perfect honey comb of the bee. You find it in the premeditation of instinct with which the wild duck sends down her young for the first time in its itself capable of thinking and living and thus evading the effort of some enemy to devour it—to capture it and all the way through all the realm of nature you see this process of this infallible action of inspiration. But the divine energy that works throughout the universe it makes itself manifest in everything in the development of the world's order—in the growth of flowers in the production of animal life in the feeling and thought of man is limited by the mechanism through which it has to work.

Now you take man. You take a great poet like Shakespeare or Goethe or you take a vigorous poet like Wesley. These men were inspired. They had what we call genius. But that genius was touched by the fire of inspiration. You take the great painters of the world our greatest artists from whom we learn the great lessons of art to day nearly every one of them is inspired. They had the susceptibility the mental equipment the latent power which made it possible for the supreme energy of the universe to manifest itself through them. The same is true of Mozart in music and you other great masters in the realm of fine art. The same is true in the realm of philosophy. Plato was inspired when he worked his way through all the mists the clouds the uncertainties of the past and of his own time and finally formulated for all generations the metaphysical conception of God and of immortality. All of these men were inspired just as nature is inspired but the higher you go in the realm of mind and of human organization and nerve development the higher the type of inspiration manifested and finally when man's religious nature reaches its highest development and takes on its loftiest form then the secret subtle almighty touch of God produces religious truth—Revelation.

The very moment you take the inspiration of the Bible and say that it is a different kind of inspiration from the inspiration that prevails everywhere else at every moment you are at sea

but you take this Bible and precisely the same kind of that you find in the organic flower in the development of instinct in the productive genius in the historical and of science the more that it is the same kind of only higher in degree and grace simply because through which it operates degree of adjustment to mechanism through which more perfect and that is inspiration is more perfect than you have a perfectly true. You have planted carefully and recognized and its production is the of the intellectual and so far as man is acquainted You cannot stand secure ground Religion religious perfect expression is sin and glory of nature. It organization of this out connected as it is with the and that connected against material system of and up gradually step by grace above another unit ministered in the perfect Christ the perfect embodiment thought and feeling of. This is inspiration.

Now I must not dwell if not only when we come to the origin of the Bible to the question of inspiration of evolution. This relation as well as the relation. If you examine I was produced by at least men in very different parts of the world in different localities under different types of is dovetailed together piece is part of a grand look upon it simply as a unity that might have gathered by a great artist. It is bewildered with it pleased to understand and how he so. You cannot conceive different men living at the of the world knowing no others purposes and purposes write that all which they come together and form whole but as you see the growth that each success some way connected his the others that every man took his starting point was man who had written before if you examine the Bible will find that to be the natural history. This book much later than many posed to think it was a most of it. We have believed that Moses wrote books and that long after dead some one else wrote and that after them the on to the stage of history wrote the prophecies but understand it that way tery when we read it in that.

Moses wrote but very or what he has to say was by tradition to coming from Ezra was the man that Pentateuch the five books the complete form in which we have them to day. If you examine you will find the prophecy of Jeremiah the Ezekiel and many of the books were written long after the Pentateuch and analyze that Pentateuch the footprints of Israhel prints of Jeremiah and Ezekiel you will find that of Israhel were the text Deuteronomy is the sermon of Ezekiel were the books Leviticus and Numbers and you will find prophets furnished the germ thought out of which great systems of priestly legislation were never earned in after the captivity when then final sanction and Ezra the scribe. So you have been a development is true of the New Testament. You take the teachings of You find very little but any of the dogmas of church which we hold to be of the Epistles of Paul and of John you will find writings we simply find the germs of thought given by Jesus Christ himself was a growth a development a history evolution and along with us these study we can never understand.

Then I want you to no another stage. It not only all the way to stage in the stage of evolution through the stage of You are all familiar understand is the canon true that is the answer.

How it comes that we and no more in the canon is what constitutes scripture. Well now if you will find the Hebrew canon until the time of them the five books of this is the Word of God they had Time past that the canon was established of the prophetic

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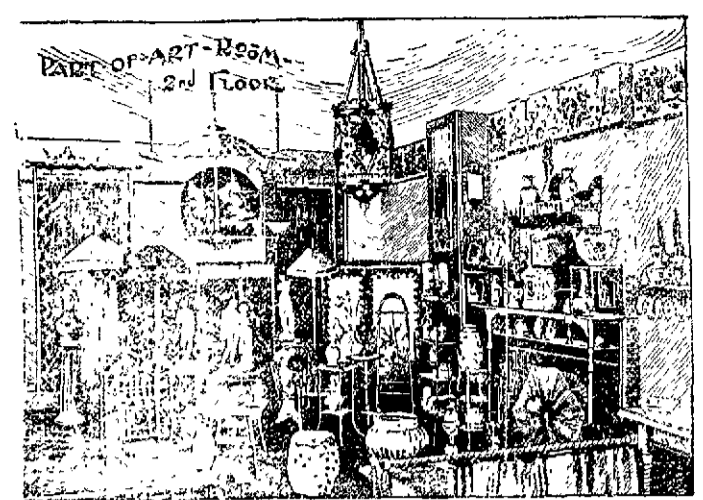
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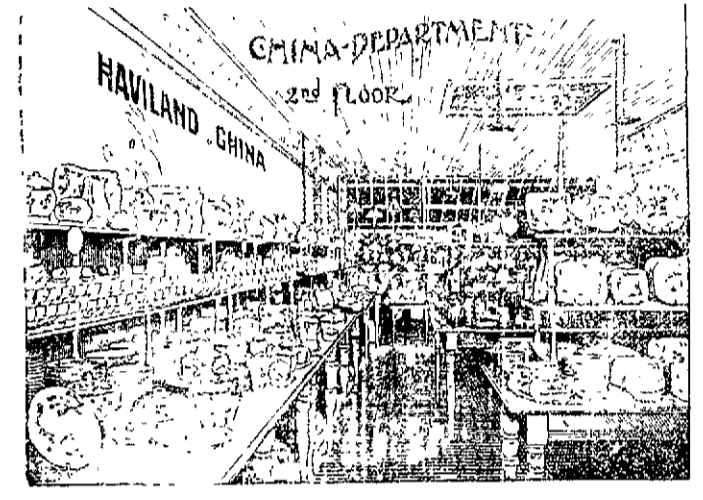
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BARGAIN SALE



Our second annual sale of FEBRUARY BARGAINS will open Monday morning in our China Department. This sale embraces many FINE GOODS not in WHOLE SETS; plates from which one or more have been broken or sold, oscolloped Oyster Sets, Pudding Sets, Odd Creamers and Sugars, Water Jugs and Caramelles.

In this sale you will find some of the HANDSOMEST Goods ever brought to Decatur. We have a few of those very fine plates, the prices of which ran from \$40 to \$100 per dozen. The few left will go into this sale. Don't miss it.



OUR ART ROOM SALE will be carried on during this month and all CUT GLASS, ROYAL WORCESTERS and that class of goods have been reduced to where they will tempt you.

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THURSDAY EVE. FEB. 18, 1892.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Thanks. We desire to express our thanks to the purchasing public for the generous patronage they have given us during our Great Bargain Sale.

Death in the East. Mrs. Capt. W. F. Coladay has received news of the death of George K. Coltr...

Good Templars at Champaign. The Fifth lodge of the Order of Good Templars is holding its semi-annual meeting at Champaign.

Uncle Josh Spruceby. A Yankee comedy which admits of the introduction of much entertaining variety business is the attraction at the opera house Saturday night.

DeWitt County Republicans. The Republicans of DeWitt county through their representative on the county central committee, have decided to call the convention to meet at Clinton, March 22.

The Greatest Violinist. Remenyi is the man and the artist. He will appear at the Grand Friday night, and will not fail to charm and delight all who hear him.

Wanted to Follow His Wife. Mrs. Mary Hitzbeck was buried at Shelbyville Tuesday, and yesterday her husband, Fred L. Hitzbeck, aged 68 years, killed himself in a fit of despondency.

County Benefits. Overseer Holman states that about 700 Decatur township people receive benefits from the county funds.

Chicago Grain Market. The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1:15 p. m. to-day, by cable.

ASK YOUR FRIENDS. who have attended our sale, or looked over our stock and prices, what they think of it.

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KNITTING FACTORY SALE. Office Furniture, All Manufactured Goods and Machinery at Auction.

The Alexander knitting factory company goods are being disposed of at auction to-day for the benefit of creditors, by Deputy Sheriff Midkiff. The manufactured goods in the building embrace 6366 dozen pairs of wool and cotton hose; 346 dozen pairs of silk, and 180 pounds of yarn; also 42 knitting machines, office furniture, etc.

There is a good attendance of local merchants and a number of outside parties who are after the machinery. An effort should be made to keep the machinery in Decatur and retain the industry here. There are at least 60 girls in the city who are trained to run the machines, and this fact alone is worth \$5,000 to \$10,000 to such an institution. The sale may not be concluded until to-morrow.

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NELLY DURFEE MARRIED. Geo. H. Jenkins the Husband of a Former Social Favorite.

Decatur friends of the bride have received cards announcing the marriage of Miss Nelly Durfee and Mr. George H. Jenkins, which occurred in Chicago on Wednesday, Feb. 17th. The bride is well known in this community as the daughter of Mrs. Harry B. Durfee, and where for many years she was a favorite in social circles. Mr. Jenkins is a gentleman of English descent who has a responsible and lucrative position with Sherry Smith & Co., large stock manufacturers of Chicago. The bride tendered the congratulations of the Republican and all of her Decatur friends.

Arguments in the Inter-State Case. In the United States District court at Springfield yesterday, Judge Allen heard the argument on the demurrer to the indictment of Milton Knight, general traffic manager of the Wabash road, for charging less than regular traffic rates for the transportation of live stock.

First Blood for Longnecker. About a week ago the town of Olney, in Richland county, held its primaries and notwithstanding the fact that a resolution instructing the delegates to the county convention for Ellet was withdrawn, it was telegraphed over the country that the delegation was for Ellet.

Accepted the Offer. In response to a call several of the prominent Methodists of Jacksonville met at the Central Bank on Wednesday night to consider the proposition of Rev. E. H. Buck, of Decatur, Ill., who proposed to give to the Illinois Female College, located at Jacksonville, 100 acres of land, worth \$100,000, for the college.

Sales of Real Estate. B. C. Hildebrand to George Jacobson, deed to lots 14 and 15, block 3, in N. 1st St. - \$310.

John S. Southwick to John Humphries, deed to lot 6, block 7, Forsyth - \$445.

John E. W. Martin to Mary E. F. a lot 25 1/2 x 100 on 1st St. - \$400.

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HOME FROM DWIGHT. Decatur Delegates to the Gold Cure Convention.

The Decatur club delegates to Dwight, where they attended the first convention of the Bichloride of Gold clubs, have returned home, and will give a detailed report to Decatur graduates at the office of George B. Scott to-night. The convention at Dwight closed with a great loss. The society gave up the name of the Bichloride of Gold clubs, and adopted that of the Associated Keelley Bichloride of Gold clubs. The regulations for membership were fixed as follows:

No person shall be eligible to membership in this association who has not taken the Keelley Bichloride of Gold treatment for alcoholism, or who has suffered from alcoholism, or who has contracted one habit at having been cured of another.

There was a very spirited discussion over this article of the constitution, as Mr. Wilson of Denver wished to amend so as to admit liquor dealers to the privileges of the clubs while undergoing treatment. The amendment was rejected by only nine votes out of 511.

The following officers were elected: President, S. E. Moore, Pittsburg; Vice presidents, W. S. Arnold, Washington, and Frank P. Clark, Kansas City; Sec'y and Treasurer, Hon. J. D. Kehoe, Ky.; Directors—W. M. Burris, Liberty, Mo.; John J. Flynn, Chicago; the Hon. Walter Young, St. Joseph, Mo.; D. V. Young, blood, Oarbondale, Ill.; D. G. Wooten, Dallas, Texas; J. M. Kelly, Pittsburg, Mo.; C. A. Galt, Kansas City, Mo.; W. G. Richardson, Kansas; Edward F. Mullon, California. The Executive Committee will appoint an advisory committee in each State, and an organization will be perfected in each county in the United States where there are three Keelley graduates. The delegation from the Iowa Keelley leagues announced that that state would unite with the associated Keelley Bichloride of Gold clubs.

A number of branch institutes have been arranged for with the Leslie E. Keelley company during the last few days. Among these are Memphis, Tenn., Rockford, Ill., also Knoxville, Springfield, Clay County, Mo., and a large number of applications are being considered. Dr. Leslie E. Keelley was elected Honorary President, and made a few remarks. He congratulated the convention upon the harmony which had characterized their proceedings. He said: "This is the strongest body of men in the United States. The clubs are going forward shoulder to shoulder to success. In your hands is the solution of the liquor question in America, through practical temperance. I expect to be assisted by my methods of cure will be attacked by the medical profession and the liquor dealers' trust. The defense will be made by the organization perfected this day. We have no fear of such attacks, for over 50,000 men in the United States to-day say the cure is all right. It is permanent."

It appears that the Dominion census is not complete yet. The figures from the northern part of British Columbia were sent to Ottawa but the other day, and the census of the southern portion will not be heard from till June next. The work of enumeration in these far-off districts is very laborious and entails a lot of traveling. In taking the census the Canadian and Stikine river sections of British Columbia the enumerator had to go to Alaska and travel inland to the Canadian border.

He found the natives in a state of utter primitiveness, but they were not unenlightened as to Christianity. A few Chinese had settled upon claims, but were making very little progress. In numbers these people will not add very much to the figures already given, and they will add little to the sum of our aggregate wealth.—Toronto Mail.

Court Pilester for Kid Gloves. Kid gloves will rise despite our best efforts to keep them in good condition. Instead of sewing them take a small piece of gold thread and sew upon the glove (the latter is the better), turn the glove wrong side out and neatly apply the plaster over the rent or rip, rip, having drawn the real part of the glove nicely together.

News from Dwight. A meeting of the Bichloride of Gold club will be held at the office of Geo. B. Scott, over Pedderson & Burrows bank, this Thursday evening at 7 o'clock, to receive report of delegates to the Bichloride of Gold convention at Dwight.

Cartoonists in Arizona. Parties out deer hunting ran across an old ruin on the top of the highest mountain nine miles north of Phoenix. It is of stone, and some of the walls are still standing ten feet high. The old building or buildings covered an area of about two acres of land. The large stones around the place are covered with hieroglyphics.—Phoenix (A. T.) Gazette.

Bolivia, with improved transportation, will send large quantities of coffee and rubber to the seaboard. The new railway being built to the headwaters of the Amazon will greatly facilitate such transportation.

While a traveling man was in Lima, O., recently, he received within fifteen minutes three telegrams, each announcing the unexpected death of a different member of his family at home.

This regular meeting of the Women's Equal Suffrage society will be held to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Dr. Spalding on West Main street. Business of importance.

Do you realize what this sale means to you. The prices are low all previous seasons of the year. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW.

A new improved shoe is taking the place of patent leather.

Theron Powers left yesterday for Paw Paw Junction, Mo., to join his brothers, Charles and Frank, who with John Woods, are near that place on a mining expedition.

Mrs. A. Sample and her daughter, Miss Lulu Sample, who have been in the west for a year, have returned to the city and have taken possession of their home at 338 South Water street. Miss Sample's health is greatly improved. Most of the year was spent in the mountains of Colorado and at Denver.

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A BRUTAL ASSAULT. A Widow's Door Beaten Down by Hoodlums, AND THE INMATE KICKED AND BEATEN.

The Assaults Frightened Away by a Brave Black, Who Heard the Poor Woman's Screams and Hastened to Her Assistance.

St. Louis, Feb. 18.—Two hoodlums broke into a little house at the foot of Dock street, occupied by a lone widow, Mrs. Mary O'Neal, Tuesday night, and made a brutal assault upon the defenseless woman. She had fastened her door and was preparing to retire for the night, when she heard a loud rattle at the window. She turned around to see what made the noise, and dimly discerned two faces peering through the glass. She was greatly frightened at this and then blew out the lamp, hoping they would go away. A moment later there was a heavy pounding on the door, which was soon forced open. Two burly ruffians rushed in.

Mrs. O'Neal, almost paralyzed with terror, seized an old empty revolver that lay on a shelf and pointed it at the man in front, ordering him to leave. Instead of obeying, the man jumped upon her, grasping hold of her two wrists. In a second he had wrested the revolver from her feeble hands and threw her upon the bed. He and his companion then set upon her and beat and kicked her brutally. Though 60 years of age, Mrs. O'Neal is a vigorous woman of large frame, and she seemed almost insensible, however, and the brutal things would doubtless have inflicted further indignities upon her had not a colored roustabout named Jones heard her cries and ran to her assistance. Her assailants, as soon as they heard footsteps approaching, became frightened and ran away.

The unfortunate woman, as soon as she had recovered sufficient strength to move, walked to the fourth district police station and told her story. Two police officers were sent out to hunt up her assailants, who are still at liberty. Yesterday afternoon Mrs. O'Neal called upon Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Estep, and exhibited bruises on her arms and hands in corroboration of her story.

A FEMALE MONSTER. An Irish Lady of Quality Tortures Her Little Girl to Death.

DELAWARE, Feb. 18.—Mrs. Mary Montague, the woman arrested in Coleraine, county Londonderry, for the murder of her little 3-year-old daughter by the most barbarous cruelty, is the wife of the eldest son of Lord Robert Asheton Cromie Montague, one of the present Dukes of Manchester, whose wife was formerly Miss Consuelo Yanagui del Valle, of New York.

Mary Holm, the baby girl who has just met with such a tragic death, was born February 5, 1888, and was the only girl out of a family of eight children belonging to Lord Robert Montague. The more light let in upon the tragedy the worse appears the conduct of Mrs. Montague. At the inquest she testified to the fact that she forgot the child in the dark room in which it was so cruelly tortured to death, and that when she went to release it from confinement she found that the little girl was insensible. Continuing, Mrs. Montague said that she then carried the child to her own bed-room, stripped it of its clothing and tried to restore it to consciousness before giving the alarm.

That is the story told by the mother, but rumor has it very strongly that the poor child was stripped of its clothing before it was imprisoned and that it was stark naked when found dead, choked and bruised. Mrs. Montague. It is added that Mrs. Montague's treatment of the dead baby was not an exceptional case, and that she was in the habit of ill-using her children to a terrible degree.

Want to Be Sent Back to Russia. NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Many Russian Jews are applying daily at the office of the Russian consular general in this city to be sent back to Russia. They are unable to make a living in the United States, and want to go back to their homes and families.

The Russian vice consul, C. G. Petersen, said yesterday that the talk about these people being expelled from Russia was all nonsense. "The Jews in Russia," he said, "are restricted to certain provinces, and in none of these provinces does a famine exist. It is not the Jews who are suffering from famine, but the great mass of the Russian peasantry."

Mr. Petersen thought that the secret of the Jewish exodus to this country was that they had an idea they would get money from the Irish fund. He said the consulate had no money with which to send the Jews back to Russia.

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